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SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING WITH SADAT AND EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL

REF: STATE 172998 AND CAIRO 7224

1. I MANAGED MID-AFTERNOON TO GET FAHMY ON THE SECURE PHONE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM A LENGTHY ASU SESSION AND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF WHAT THE EGYPTIANS MEAN BY THE MONITORING AND WARNING STATIONS BEING "UNDER THE UN".

2. FAHMY RESPONDED BY RECALLING THAT, ALTHOUGH THE ISRAELIS HAD REJECTED THE IDEA OF AMERICAN MANNING OF THEIR JABAL UMM KHUSHAIB MONITORING STATION, THEY HAD ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF THOSE STATIONS. WHAT SADAT HAS IN MIND, FAHMY CONTINUED, IS THAT "AT THE LAST MINUTE" GOE MAY AGREE TO ISRAELI MANNING OF THE STATION, BUT UNDER UN ADMINISTRATION. THE LATTER SHOULD EMBRACE THE SAME ASPECTS WE ENVISIONED WHEN TALKING ABOUT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATION.

3. IN THE CASE OF THE HAMAM FARAUN MONITORING STATION DEMANDED BY THE ISRAELIS, FAHMY SAID THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETELY UNDER THE UN, I.E. NO RPT NO ISRAELI TECHNICAL MANNING.

4. IN THE CASE OF THE TWO PROPOSED EGYPTIAN EARLY WARNING STATIONS, THEY SHOULD BE MANNED BY EGYPTIANS, BUT BE UNDER UN ADMINISTRATION.

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THE ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH THE EGYPTIANS HAVE

PROPOSED FOR JABAL UMM KHUSHAIB STATION.

5. FAHMY NOTED THAT THE AREA WHERE THESE SEVERAL STATIONS ARE
LOCATED IS UNDER UNEF AND OPINED THAT UNEF SHOULD BE THE INSTRUMENT
THROUGH WHICH THE UN WOULD ADMINISTER THEM.
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